4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of Sept 22 — Sept 28



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

## Join us next Thursday (10/3)!

Community Forum with the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, INC.

Discussing the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA)

> 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm 3020 W. Vliet Street (414) 933-0064

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR OBAMACARE**

The open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) begins on Tuesday, October 1 for coverage beginning January 1, 2014. Because of the ACA, the 90% of Wisconsinites who have insurance have stronger coverage and more choices than ever before. And for the 10% of Wisconsinites who don't have coverage, an abun-



Source: http://www.the-american-interest.com/

dance of opportunities will become available upon enrollment. The Affordable Care Act was signed into law by President Obama in March of 2010. The ACA is a comprehensive health reform law that makes preventative care – including family planning and related services – more affordable and accessible for many Americans. The ACA eliminates many of the difficulties of finding and keeping affordable insurance, as well as the discriminatory practices used by the insurance industry. For persons considering enrolling with the ACA, there are four key messages to keep in mind. First, plans cannot deny applicants for pre-existing conditions or cancel a person's policy due to illness. Second, all plans will be required to cover doctors' visits, hospitalization, maternity care, ER expenses and pre-



Source: www.blackpast.org

scription medications. Third, plans will be required to show costs and what is covered in plain and simple language, making it easier for enrollees to choose a plan that best meets their needs. And finally, applicants may be eligible for financial aid. To learn more about the ACA and how to enroll, visit:

http://www.healthcare.gov.



### Help a Child in Need

#### **Coats for Kids Campaign**

Donate your too small, gently used children's coats to a local Salvation Army. Donate now through October 12th!

> For more info: (414) 276-4316 salvationarmy.org

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#### SELF-IMPROVEMENT MONTH

September is Self-Improvement Month. As the year begins to draw to a close, it is a time to reflect and make changes for the coming months. During September, many people embrace a fresh outlook and reevaluate work goals, family plans, and personal and professional ambitions. You can take easy steps to start your self-improvement journey by resolving to get up earlier, eat healthier, read a book, participate in new classes, or get a little more exercise. Although the month of September is close to an end, it is never too late to make positive changes to improve your life!

#### WOMEN AT THE TABLES OF POWER

This weekend I have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. for the 2013 WiLL/WAND (Women Legislator's Lobby/Women's Action for New Directions) National Women's Leadership Conference. I look forward to meeting with women leaders from all over the country, parliamentarians from the Middle East and North Africa, and members of the congressional delegation from Wisconsin. The conference will focus on empowering women and creating opportunities to promote peace and security around the world.

### Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!

"Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world."

- Hillary Clinton

"The first wealth is health."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



